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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 13 December 2004 – 08:00 14 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Air Attack	—	1	1	1 UAV missile on a gas station
Attacks	3	10	13	Incl. 3 during raids & 7 from posts
Raids	20	3	23	Incl. cont. presence in Al Shuja'iyah
Air Patrols	—	4	4	3 helicopters and 1 UAV
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 3 university students
Detentions	7	—	7	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolitions	1	9	10	Incl. 9 houses in W. Khan Younis RC
Land Levelling	1	2	3	Incl. west of the village of Bil'in
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	4	4	8	Incl. houses, 1 gas station, and crops
House Occupation	—	1	1	North of Kissufim road
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Talluza
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(7)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. 2 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	—	—	—	Plan to demolish wall and road in Jer.
School Disruption	1	—	1	2 schools in Talluza due to curfew
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	1 trench constructed along border line
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. open fire towards 2 Pal. posts
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	2 Qassam mortars and 1 mortar
TOTAL	66	45	111	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, President of the Palestinian National Authority, and President of the State of Palestine (may he rest in peace). • National mourning for President Yasser Arafat continues to take place in all districts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and Palestinian flags continue to be flown at half mast. Official and national delegations continue to visit Al Muqata'a in the city of Ramallah to offer their condolences for the death of President Yasser Arafat and to place wreathes on his tomb.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army also intensified measures at checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army intensified measures at the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. (ii) Following an Israeli Supreme Court order, Israeli authorities issued an order to modify the route of the Wall in the area of Sur Bahir towards the east. The order stipulated the confiscation of 120 <i>dunums</i> (30 acres) of land for the new Wall route. • Attack on Religious Sites: The Israeli municipality of Jerusalem has prepared a plan to demolish the wall and road leading to <i>Bab Al Magharibah</i> (Dung Gate), which are an integral part of Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The plan aims to construct a new overpass in order to facilitate the Israeli army's raids into Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The implementation of this plan will weaken the foundations on which Al Aqsa Mosque and its western wall are based.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and impeded civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches, detaining hundreds of civilian vehicles in both directions. The Israeli army also arrested 1 university student and withdrew at 17:00. • Attack: At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol travelling along the settler bypass road west of the town of Beituniya opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the town. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, raided 1 shop, and detained some civilians who were inside it. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Al Am'ari refugee camp, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 02:20. (iii) At 03:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road arrested Fadi Hamad. • Detentions: At 16:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up on the village of 'Atara checkpoint, detaining hundreds of civilian vehicles in both directions. • Land Levelling: At 12:25, the Israeli army began levelling of land west of the village of Bil'in for Wall construction.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shuhada' junction, searched civilians, and examined their IDs. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin

	<p>and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 01:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Al Harithiya and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silat Al Harithiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrhim Sa'id Shawahneh; and (ii) Riyadh Sa'id Shawahneh.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army closed 'Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city. The Israeli army also placed an iron gate at the checkpoint set up at Al Kafriyyat junction, forcing civilians to take rough detours, except along Ash Sha'rawiya road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta and took photographs of the Zakat Committee's office, the Palestinian Police station, and commercial shops along the main road. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and patrolled the area.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azzun and raided 1 house in which civilians were gathered to offer their condolences. The Israeli army also detained 2 civilians and arrested 1 civilian.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hazem Qatamesh in the village of ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Raid/School Disruption/Curfew: The Israeli army raided the village of Talluza and imposed curfew for the 3rd consecutive day, thereby disrupting classes in 2 secondary schools serving 804 students.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Haris and Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit. At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 8 jeeps, raided the city again, searched a number of houses after detaining their residents, interrogated a number of civilians, and arrested 1 university student. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Haris, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sidqi Thaher in the city of Salfit.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army prevented civilians from entering the city, except those holding Jericho IDs. The Israeli army also continues to prevent Israeli ID card holders from entering the city of Jericho. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along settler bypass roads and detained the IDs of civilians travelling along these roads.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). (ii) The Israeli army began land levelling for construction of a section of the Wall west of the village of Husan. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and arrested 1 university student. (iv) At 01:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Abdul Ra'ouf Ali Fannoun in the village of Nahhalin.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit towards Beit 'Awwa, Sikkat Al Majd, Deir Al 'Asal Al Foqa, Deir Al 'Asal At Tahta, Beit Ar Rush Al Foqa, Beit Ar Rush At Tahta, Beit Mirsim, Al Bireh, and towards the village of Al Burj. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun along road # 60 and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and demolished 1 apartment on the 2nd floor of a residential building (using explosives), after arresting its owner, who is wanted by the Israeli army. The demolition of the apartment caused damages to the adjacent apartments.

	<p>(ii) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sinjir, southwest of the city of Hebron, raided the office of the Islamic Charitable Society, confiscated the office's files and documents, and destroyed its contents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ghalib Rajeh Taha in the city of Hebron. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 apartment in the city of Hebron belonging to Ghalib Rajeh Taha. • Destruction of Property: The Israeli army continues to prevent civilians from the towns of As Samoa' and Yatta from ploughing their land, which lies close to Israeli settlements, thereby causing damage to crops and depriving civilians from their source of income.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Attack: At 12:50, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory northeast of the town of Beit Hanun. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 07:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit.
<p>GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road in closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossin in closed. • Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location east of Gaza city. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location east of Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood in Gaza city. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 06:15, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided 700 meters into Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood. Israeli army tanks fired shells and helicopters opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. The Israeli army also levelled vast areas of agricultural land and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Air Patrol: At 05:30, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood in Gaza city and dropped fliers, ordering civilians not to cooperate with Palestinian individuals involved in armed resistance against Israeli occupation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement Activity: At 18:30, the Israeli army dug a trench along the border line, extending from Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing to Nahal 'Oz Crossing.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open to the transportation of vegetables only. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. • Air Attack: At 14:30, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards Bahloul gas station, causing damages to the gas station. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location at Point 12 towards the area of Al Maqabir in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 1 tank shell from the area surrounding the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, damaging 1 house. • Raids/House Occupation/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided 250 meters into Palestinian territory north of Kissufim road, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Al Barabikhah neighbourhood in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, demolished 9 houses, and levelled agricultural land. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 9 houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Adel Al Madhoun; (ii) Issam Joudeh; (iii) Na'im Abu Shaqra; (iv) Tayseer Abu Rizq; (v) Mohammed Ramadan; (vi) Ramez 'Awwad; (vii) Omar Fayyadh; (viii) Manar Al 'Awin; and (ix) Hussein Abu Rizq. • Palestinian Attack: At 15:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 524 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones due to the imposed closure. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 3,119 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure. (iii) Israeli authorities permitted 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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